

Mr. Stevens spoke at some length in support of the bill establishing Military Governments, and gave notice that he should move the previous question on it.

Mr. Bingham opposed the bill and offered as an amendment to strike out the preamble and insert in lieu thereof the following: Whereas it is necessary that peace and good order shall be enforced in the several States lately in rebellion, until the States

respectively will be fully restored to their constitutional relations to the Government of the United States. Therefore, etc.

Also to strike out the words "so called" before the word "States."

Mr. Hise argued against the constitutionality of the bill, and said it proposed to establish a purely military government, in which no right of a citizen would be recognized or respected.

Mr. Ingerson argued that there were two sorts of States, geographical and political. The latter under the Constitution are the only States that count, and the constitution political States in the Union.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8.

SENATE. Mr. Ross introduced a resolution that after from and after the commencement of the next session the publication of the debates of Congress shall be transferred from the Globe to the Chronicle.

The legislative, judicial and executive appropriations bill was passed.

A debate ceased on an amendment to strike out the

daily Globe from the appropriation for printing the records of Congress.

The amendment was disagreed, but otherwise reconsidered and adopted.

Other proposed amendments were rejected and the bill passed.

Mr. Wade called up the bill to admit Nevada, and it was passed over the President's veto by a vote of 121 yeas, 91 nays, to go to the House.

House. Mr. Raymond introduced a bill to prohibit the transportation of foreigners to the United States who have been convicted of crime. Referred.

Mr. Raymond introduced a bill to prohibit military governments in the rebellious States.

Mr. Shunkin addressed the House in defense of the Congress and the principles of government and denounced as a monstrous outrage the Crime Rights Bill.

Messrs. Thayer, Hammond and Hotchkiss spoke against the bill.

Mr. Griswold explained at length the reasons why he would comp him to vote against the bill.

Mr. Taylor moved to suspend the rules.

Mr. Garfield advocated the passage of the bill.

The House by a vote of 61 to 58 refused to accord the previous question.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2.

HOUSE. On motion of Mr. Wilson a vote taken on the motion to reconsider the vote rejecting the Crime Rights bill was 22 yeas, 194 nays.

Consideration of the subject was then postponed.

The District of Columbia bills were considered and passed.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to transfer the jurisdiction of Indian Affairs to the War Department of the last day. Referred to the Military Committee.

The bill to increase the pay of army officers was committed to the Military Committee.

Mr. Keeney called up the bill to amend the post laws, which was passed and goes to the House.

The bill, which Senekoba bill was passed over the President's veto. It was 120 yeas and 44, and produced a law by the Speaker.

The bill from the Reconstruction Committee, providing for the governing government in the insurrectionary States was taken up.

Mr. Banks said he had at first intended to support the bill, but on reflection it seemed to him necessary to withhold his vote from it. He believed his States in rebellion were still suffering from the effects of the army to exert a good influence in the civil government. His theory was to establish a commission to reconstitute Louisiana on the basis of the constitution and to still send the work gradually to the other Southern States.

Mr. Reynolds suggested its reference to a Special Committee. This caused quite a spirited discussion, but as the proposition was not made formally it came to nothing.

Mr. Niblack spoke against the bill.

Maine Legislature.

MONDAY, Feb. 4.

SENATE. Mr. Perkins of Kennebec introduced the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Building be directed to inquire into the expediency of legalizing the action upon the petition of authorizing such construction of State House, bearing as will give increased and improved accommodation for the two branches of the Legislature in their Halls and Com-

The archives of the State and the State Library, and such repairs and improvements in the existing edifices as may be required.

Mr. FREDERICK said I offer this notice that the attention of the Committee may be directly called to the matter mentioned in it and for the purpose of eliciting suggestions from members who are desirous of participating in this matter. The committee may have laid before them plans and ideas which will state this more fully than I shall or can be able to do.

Mr. HARRIS said he was in favor of the purchase of books, if we wish to preserve the library. The library contains 27,000 valuable books; the auction value of the books is \$100,000. The documents deposited here are of considerable value. The documents deposited there could not be replaced. The interior of this building is a mere jewel house. Three documents are worth their value estimated. Fire-proofs must be seen constructed if they wish to be economical at all, and to see that this small amount of property may be secured. In the first place no fire-proofing.

Our committee rooms are inconvenient. It is very evident that something must be done to remedy the defects.

Passed to be enacted. An act to authorize the roads and Farmington Railroad Company to make loans and for other purposes; an act to authorize the directors of the Androscoggin River Bridge Co. to incorporate the Dirigo Business College located in Augusta; an act to amend chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes relating to the Maine State Prison and charitable and benevolent societies.

HOURS. Order from the Senate relating to implementation for non-payment of taxes was announced on motion of Mr. BROWN. The speaker said that portion which characterizes the law as "a relic barbarism." The order as amended was passed.

JUDICIARY reported legislation inexpedient on order compelling from taxation interest persons owned by citizens of this State, already taxable out of the State.

JUDICIARY, reported an act additional to incorporate the Augusta Free Bridge Company. Read and signed.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5.

MR. SEARATE. Mr. Boylston presented resolves relative to reconstruction, which were referred to Committee on Reconstruction.

The order relating to an amendment of the law concerning the arrest and imprisonment of persons was also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Boynton the Senate receded as concurred with the House.

Bill No. 100, to amend an act to incorporate the Ticonia Water Power and Manufacturing Company, approved February 7. A long debate ensued and the bill was passed by yeas 19, nays 10.

Bill No. 101, to amend an act to enlarge the site of the State House was laid on the table. The interest in it was debated. The House amended it by leaving the legal rate at 6 per cent, but allowing parties to agree to a higher rate. The Senate refused to concur in the amendment to postpone the bill indefinitely, and then refused a passage by 56 to 67. A motion to reconsider it was signed for Thursday. The bill relating to the duties of the State Engineer and the Committee on the amendments proposed were postponed to the first day of April, thus killing the bill.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16.

SENATE. Mr. Crosby presided, bill proving 67-56. The appointment of weavers of coat.

Passed to be enacted—An act to incorporate a

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Passed to be enacted—An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Plummer Marsh; an act to amend an act to incorporate the Skowhegan Hall Association approved Feb. 23, 1866; an act amendatory and supplementary of an act to encourage manufacturers; an act to make valid the dealings of the town of Franklin; an act to authorize the town of Wisconsin to lay out street over tide waters; an act to authorize the town

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"The long and the short, Mr. Hargrave, I'm broke in Bibulus," "not to put too fine a point on it, that unknown to you, we have long been antagonized with the infernal beast Shatterton, and now we're going to conquer it hot."

"We want time, nothing but time. Every moment," said Ghabner, "is worth a hundred pounds. I don't want to lose more time."

"[I] will not lose a minute, and glad to do it," laughed Bibulus, coughing apologetically as his own

stairbell clattered; "thanks to you, Hargrave. By Jove, sir, if they didn't give you a partnership, they ought to have said: 'You've saved them, by Jove! And what a lark! I could hardly keep my countenance when the press began, and how nice we'd be out of them.' By Jove, it was a caution!" Fancy Jones' brother, Sir Thomas Byng, and much a blue tie! He was a good fellow, a good fellow. Hello, look; there's the governor sailing."

The three directors received Hargrave in triumph.

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